

**R E P O R T**  
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**OVERSEER OF THE POOR,**  
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AND  
TOWN CLERK,  
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**TOWN OF AMHERST,**  
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# Report of Town Treasurer.

Dr.      Cash received.

To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1885,	\$1,204 31
Taxes assessed,	7,217 14
From State—Insurance Tax,	3 75
“      “      Railroad Tax,	374 98
“      “      Savings Bank Tax,	2,562 41
Literary Fund,	126 88
Bounty on Woodchucks,	22 20
• Interest on Lawrence Fund,	56 00
Rent of Town Hall, including \$12 60 from H. M. Parker,	181 25
J. F. Osgood, Jr., Guardian, board of W. B. Sargent at N. H. Asylum,	142 06
Overseer of Poor,	88 37
W. D. Forsaith rent of road machine building,	5 00
Collector for 1884,	100 00
Interest on Taxes for 1884,	3 32
“      “      “      “ 1885,	10 57
Lots sold in the Cemetery,	15 00
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	\$12,113 24

CR. By cash paid out.

State Tax,	\$1,828 00
County tax,	1,330 78
Town officers,	833 11
Miscellaneous,	1,291 42
Snow Bills,	76 55
Roads and Bridges,	1,733 22
Schools,	2,696 70
Fire Department,	129 29
Support of the Poor,	78 43
In hands of Collector for 1885,	100 00
“ “ “ Treasurer “ “	2,015 74
	- ——— \$12,113 24

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

J. F. Hanson, with road machine,	\$591 80
C. Shipley,	85 33
E. A. Caldwell,	62 63
P. F. Odell,	10 75
C. S. Parker,	60 34
D. A. Peabody,	230 13
J. P. Nourse,	4 00
C. S. White,	23 75
J. H. Fisher,	3 05
J. M. Harvell,	17 50
J. F. Bills,	94 97
S. Prince,	52 17
L. B. Converse,	20 00
H. W. Keyes,	82 83

C. J. Crooker,	\$27 46
J. G. Hazeltine,	17 55
C. F. Wright,	86 74
J. B. Upham,	18 00
B. F. Whiting,	36 10
A. M. Philbrick,	67 83
J. E. Upton,	2 00
H. M. Parker,	25 95
C. D. Hale,	13 88
C. H. Burnham,	5 17
G. S. Eaton,	1 20
A. F. Sawyer,	12 00
A. N. Lowe,	2 00
H. S. Boutelle,	14 92
G. R. Hartshorn,	2 40
J. P. Trow,	10 68
J. M. Prince,	9 45
F. W. Sargent,	2 85
F. W. Chase,	2 75
O. N. Willoby,	10 34
J. E. Fowle,	1 55
J. U. Prince,	2 00
D. A. Peabody,	14 40
R. Chemard,	1 95
S. Ayer,	4 80
	----- \$1,733 22

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#### SNOW BILLS.

C. S. Parker,	\$8 32
T. D. Sargent,	1 13
J. M. Harvell,	18 50

E. B. Converse,	\$13 67	
J. F. Hanson,	3 00	
C. J. Crooker,	1 58	
C. D. Hale,	1 35	
F. Shoram,	68	
E. A. Caldwell, snowing bridge,	1 00	
H. W. Keyes,	2 99	
G. K. Walker,	8 55	
O. N. Willoby,	10 68	
D. A. Peabody,	5 10	
	<hr/>	\$76 55

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. A. Rotch, for engine men,	\$99 00	
A. F. Sawyer, services as fire ward for two years.	10 00	
J. F. Osgood, Jr., services as fire ward,	5 00	
J. B. Fay, services as fire ward,	5 00	
J. B. Fay, steward Lawrence Engine Co.,	10 29	
	<hr/>	\$129 29

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#### SCHOOLS.

J. H. Foster for Dist. No. 12,	\$5 65	
J. R. Stearns, Treasurer, Town appropriation,	2,500 00	



J. R. Stearns, Treasurer, Literary Fund,	\$126 88	
J. R. Stearns, " Lawrence Fund,	56 00	
G. E. Patterson, for Dist. No. 11,	8 17	
	————	\$2,696 70

### TOWN OFFICERS.

John H. Coggin, selectman,	\$149 50	
Frank A. Holbrook, "	105 00	
Chas. S. Parker, "	92 86	
J. B. Fay, Treasurer,	75 00	
A. A. Rotch, Clerk,	58 00	
W. B. Rotch, Collector,	100 00	
Jas. R. Stearns, services on Board of Education	68 50	
Clarence L. Trow, services on Board of Education,	61 50	
H. D. Hicks, M. D., services on Board of Education,	39 00	
Geo. F. Lynch, Supervisor, two years,	15 00	
Geo. E. Holbrook, Moderator.	3 00	
H. M. Parker, Police,	5 00	
G. F. Hanson, "	5 00	
J. H. Coggin, Overseer of Poor,	49 75	
James F. Weston, Auditor,	3 00	
Perley W. Dodge, "	3 00	
	————	\$833 11

## MISCELLANEOUS.

R. T. Knight and C. F. Johnson, watching fire at Miss Melendy's,	\$4 00
J. O. Pulsifer, error in account,	16 00
J. H. Coggin, Tax book,	2 00
E. M. Burnham, copying,	10 00
J. B. Fay, appropriation for Memorial Day,	50 00
S. E. Staples, watering place for 1884,	3 00
Judge E. E. Parker, hearing in W. B. Sargent case,	5 80
Milford Granite Co., stone for reservoir,	17 94
C. F. Johnson, painting blinds, etc.,	2 70
J. H. Coggin, bounty on woodchucks,	22 20
J. P. Nourse, repairing road machine building,	49 47
For Grant Memorial service,	7 00
Robert Atkinson labor in cemetery and common,	5 70
C. F. Johnson, painting guide boards,	1 50
Mrs. B. B. David, water bill,	18 00
C. L. and H. M. Parker, wood for town house,	11 50
L. H. Hill, care Town Hall,	81 40
L. H. Hill, chimneys and oil for Town Hall,	19 74
L. H. Hill, cleaning Town Hall,	10 00
Granville Hill, care of Town Hall,	10 05
L. H. Hill, wood for Town Hall,	6 17
John Carlton, repairing Town clock,	1 00
H. M. Parker, care of Town House,	6 75
H. M. Parker, slabs for Town House,	93
H. M. Parker, paint and labor on meeting house,	4 50
H. M. Parker, care of trough,	2 00
H. M. Parker, care of town clock,	15 00
L. H. Hill, care of watering trough,	2 00
A. F. Sawyer, tools for road machine,	2 20
J. F. Osgood, Jr., repairing road machine,	11 48

Dr. J. B. Pettengill, professional services,	\$5 00	
Abby B. Melendy and others for water,	58 50	
F. K. Boutelle, services as undertaker,	52 50	
E. M. Holt, work in cemetery,	2 00	
P. E. W. McKean, appropriation for Library,	100 00	
E. Berry, burying horse,	5 00	
N. P. Frost, lever for road machine,	1 00	
Boylston & Rotch, printing, advertising, etc.,	78 50	
A. A. Rotch, for physicians' returns of births and deaths, etc.,	26 35	
J. B. Fay, supplies at Town Hall and care of watering troughs,	9 64	
J. B. Fay, expenses to Manchester and Nashua,	10 00	
F. A. Holbrook, expenses to Nashua twice,	5 00	
F. A. Holbrook, copying, stationery, etc.,	6 00	
John H. Coggin, sundry bills paid,	6 93	
C. S. Parker, services on W. B. Sargent's case,	10 75	
W. D. Forsaith, hearing on W. B. Sargent's case,	2 00	
Board of Wm. B. Sargent at N. H. Asylum,	55 99	
Mrs. N. J. Wetherbee, for County,	40 00	
Sarah Peabody, for County,	9 75	
Mrs. McCluer, for County,	38 49	
Abatements, 1885,	94 68	
Discount on taxes for 1885,	273 31	
		\$1,291 42
Whole amount of cash received,	\$12,113 24	
“ “ “ “ paid out,	10,097 50	
		\$2,015 74

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Board of A. Rhoades at County Farm,	—	\$78 43
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## THE TOWN'S STANDING.

In Treasurer's hands,	\$2,015 74	
In Collector's hands, 1885,	100 00	
Due from County,	88 24	
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		\$2,203 98
Due to Asylum for board of Wm. B. Sargent,		86 07
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		\$2,117 91

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. FAY, Treasurer.

AMHERST, FEB. 27, 1886.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

P. W. DODGE,	} Auditors.
J. F. WESTON.	

AMHERST, FEB. 27, 1886.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

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## EXPENDITURES.

E. R. Cutts and wife, services,	\$300 00
Fred L. Bartlett,	191 00
Etta Austin,	42 50
Lucy Young,	49 00
Harry Burt,	12 00
David Whiting & Sons, grain,	386 51
O. N. Willoby, carrying milk,	59 81
A. F. Sawyer, bill,	1 90
Lyford & Kendall, groceries,	33 22
John Hadlock, manure spreader,	125 00
C. E. Kendall & Co., groceries and grain,	24 71
For cows,	225 00
C. H. Spalding, blacksmith bill,	4 38
Gilbert Small,	4 40
H. C. Dodge, groceries,	65 15
H. S. Gilson, planing lumber,	1 85

Dr. Fiske, dentist work for W. Cram.	\$ 45
Express on book and butter,	1 25
C. R. Cotton & Co., groceries,	43 68
D. S. Burnham, grass seed and hardware,	17 51
Foster Bros., meat,	7 74
J. A. Wheeler, paper, etc.,	75
H. H. Barber, dry goods,	10 80
Wm. F. Prince, for labor in 1884,	8 00
H. A. Fletcher, apples,	2 80
A. J. Cutts, for butter and syrup,	50 04
J. B. Fay, tin ware,	3 63
Fred Colston, repairing harness,	7 80
Dr. Tolles, bill,	4 52
Mrs. Sullivan, labor,	10 60
T. S. Squires & Co., for lard,	8 68
N. K. Putnam, collar and repairing harness.	2 00
Geo. McIntire, for flag collar,	1 10
D. Heald, sawing lumber,	7 17
P. S. Fisher, labor and phosphate,	6 20
N. M. Melendy, rye,	6 00
W. D. Forsaith, phosphate,	12 00
J. P. Nourse, grain and grinding,	45 39
Dr. Pettengill, medical services,	6 25
Ira Chase, fish and crackers,	8 21
E. C. Batchelder, dry goods,	2 04
S. E. Staples, clothing for W. Cram.	3 46
J. H. Fisher & Co., pasturing cattle,	39 34
C. H. Nutt, rope,	5 30
E. G. Clark, for hens,	7 25
Geo. K. Walker, meat,	26 06
Miscellaneous bills paid,	27 91
Balance paid into Town Treasury,	88 37
	<hr/> \$1,998 73

## RECEIPTS

AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Milk sold, 5,911 cans,	\$1,417 35
Beef and pork,	152 92
Pigs,	23 25
Hay,	177 35
Calves,	17 11
Potatoes and apples,	18 97
Eggs and poultry	13 67
Use of bull,	12 50
Labor with team,	9 37
Lumber,	11 50
Miscellaneous	15 32
For board of Mrs. McClure,	78 43
Received of County for clothing for Mrs. McClure,	2 49
For board of Mary Farnum,	48 50
	<hr/> \$1,998 73
Due for Milk,	\$124 84
“ “ Hay, E. A. Jones,	2 80
“ “ Boston & Lowell R. R. for work,	2 75

Number of Poor at Farm, 4.

JOHN H. COGGIN, Overseer of Poor.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and  
find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

P. W. DODGE, }  
J. F. WESTON. } Auditors.

# *Inventory of Personal Property at*

## TOWN FARM.

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Manure spreader,	\$120 00
25 tons English hay,	500 00
13 1-2 tons stock hay,	162 00
Corn fodder,	10 00
Meal,	8 12
2 bushels beans,	4 00
Seed corn,	1 75
2 horses,	285 00
23 cows,	1010 00
3 hogs,	25 00
18 hens,	36 00
Mowing machine,	45 00
Farm wagon,	45 00
Lumber wagon,	12 00
2 carts,	76 00
36 bushels corn on the ear,	32 25
Carriages, harnesses and robe,	97 75
Remainder of farming tools,	223 14
30 bushels potatoes,	12 00
10 cords stove wood,	30 00
21 cords wood,	47 50



Shingles and lumber,		\$66 00
Household furniture    meat and provisions and miscellaneous,	349 70	
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		\$3198 21
Inventory Feb. 22, 1886,	\$3198 21	
Inventory Feb. 24, 1885,	3074 85	
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	\$123 36	
Excess over last year.		\$123 36



# Report of the Trustees of the Town Library.

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The new Catalogue, of which a description was given in the last Annual Report is now on sale at the Library, and proves a convenient and satisfactory hand book to all who have used it. The contents of the Library are now open to any inquirer, who wishes to know what books are on our shelves and by what authors they were written.

By the aid of the delivery Cards, which are furnished gratuitously to any applicant, the privileges of the Library can be enjoyed by invalids and persons living at a distance, if they send to the Librarian the figures which are set against the titles of the books they have selected, as these figures stand in the Catalogue.

While the handling of a Catalogue enlarges one's knowledge of books and their authors. it also awakens a curiosity to learn the import of the titles, and the wit and wisdom, which they represent. About one third of the families in town have purchased Catalogues, and the helpful influence is manifest in a larger and more intelligent use of the Library. During the past twelve months, two thousand, two hundred and sixty-five volumes have been drawn from the Library, an average of forty-four volumes per week, which is an advance of one hundred and sixty-five over the largest circulation of any year in our history.

It is so evidently for the advantage of our readers to have at hand a Catalogue of the Library, that we urge every family to procure a copy at once. No other expenditure of this amount will yield them so much that promises both pleasure and improvement. Says Lady Mary Wortley Montague, "No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting." To which we add, the pertinent observations of Dr. John Moore, 1730—1892. "The entertainment which books afford, can be enjoyed in the worst weather, can be varied as we please, obtained in solitude, and instead of blunting sharpens the understanding; but the most valuable effect of a taste for reading is, that it often preserves us from bad company. For those are not apt to go or remain with disagreeable people abroad, who are always certain of a pleasant party at home."

The recent vote of the Trustees by which families are allowed to draw two volumes at a time from the Library has not been attended by any inconvenience and the privilege will be continued. As the result of actual experiment and inquiry, it has seemed best that the Library be open for the delivery and reception of books on every Saturday from October 1st to the 1st of March from one to four of the clock P. M., and from March 1st to October, seven months, from two to five of the clock P. M., and this order was accordingly adopted. During the year sixty volumes, mostly selections from current literature, have been added to the library by purchase and some twenty-five including two pamphlets by the gift of friends as appears by the following list of donations.

#### DONATIONS.

200 delivery cards.	Mr. W. B. Rotch.
Ride to Khiva. }	Mrs. C. T. Carruth.
Choice of books. }	
Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.	Rev. J. G. Davis.

15 vols. Agricultural Reports,	Souhegan Grange.
Recent Inquiries in Theology. }	Mr. D. F. Secomb.
4 Nos. Bibliotheca Sacra. }	
Story of a Short Life,	Miss L. B. Myrick.
The Russians at the Gates of Herat, }	
First Annual Report of the }	Dr. Edward Aiken.
Indexing of the Laws of the }	
State of New Hampshire. }	
The Church as it is, or the }	Parker Pillsbury.
Forlorn Hope of Slavery. }	
The Cottage by the Lake, }	Friends.
A Peep at Number Five. }	
On Ensilage of Green Forage Crops.	

The following abstract from the report of the Treasurer, Miss McKean, shows the state of our finances; the balance in her hands will be required to pay bills for repairing books now in the hands of a binder.

Cr. By balance in treasury,	\$5 09	
" cash from town,	100 00	
" fines and loan of books,	2 00	
" sale of catalogues,	11 10	
		\$118 19
Dr. To books purchased, bills on file,	\$55 91	
" Harper's Magazine and Granite		
Monthly,	4 95	
" services of Librarian,	25 00	
" postage and incidental expenses,	3 03	
" balance on hand,	29 30	
		\$118 19

Two vacancies will exist in the board of Trustees, Mr. Rotch and Miss Stearns having completed their term of office, which should be filled at the annual town meeting. In concluding a report which is so encouraging, we regret the necessity of remonstrating against the abuse of books drawn from the Library. In some cases the covers and title pages have been shamefully disfigured by pencil marks, and in others the leaves are soiled by readers having unwashed hands. To mention these things ought to secure their correction.

Amherst, March 4, 1886.

# CLERK'S RECORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1885.

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## BIRTHS.

Jan. 12, Jeremiah S. Buckley, a son to Cornelius Buckley and Catherine A. Buckley.

Feb. 12, Jennie Bobilee, a daughter to Mitchell Bobilee and Jennie Jess Bobilee.

Feb. 25, Percie Edwards White, a son to Enos White and Maryetta White.

April 9, Walter C. Converse, a son to Luther B. Converse and Nellie T. Converse.

May 21, Harvey Bills, a son to Arthur A. Bills and Mary Anna Bills.

May 22, Frederick Hill, a son to Arthur H. Hill and Nellie E. Hill

June 19, Mary Theresa Leavitt, a daughter to Frank Leavitt and Sarah E. Leavitt.

Aug. 11, Johnnie Davis, a son to John W. Davis and Clara Sargent Davis.

Sept. 5, Edwin F. Cutts, a son to Elber R. Cutts and Clara E. Cutts.

Sept. 15, Liliner Ruth Hall, a daughter to John S. Hall and Alice Jane Hall.

Sept 18, Louis Ahlf, a son to Edwin O. Willoby and Louisa C. Willoby.

Sept. 25, Jennie C. Parker, a daughter to Charles S. Parker and Hattie M. Parker.

Sept. 26, Leon Edmund Longa, a son to Harry E. Longa and Ardella Longa.

Oct. 1, Nathaniel M. Sargent a son to Frank W. Sargent and Jennie P. Sargent.

Oct. 25, William Leroy Sloan, a son to William W. Sloan and Mary Estella Sloan.

Nov. 17, Herbert A. Trow, a son to Charles H. Trow and Carrie A. Trow.

Dec. 20, Guy Ernestus McGown, a son to Alfred J. McGown and Delia A. McGown.

Dec. 21, Rosetta Broderick, a daughter to James Broderick and Hannah Conly Broderick.

Total, 18.

## MARRIAGES.

Jan. 1, Charles H. Mackay and Anna E. Sawyer, both of Amherst.

June 1, Herbert Dexter Hicks of Amherst, and Estelle Louise Longley of Boston, Mass.

July 28, Edwin M. Ellis of Stevensville, Montana Territory, and Lilla M. Prince of Amherst.

Aug. 6, George, E. Holbrook and Cora B. Fisher both of Amherst.

Oct. 25, Hugh A. Dugan of Amherst and Clara Longa of Hollis.

Dec. 24. George Brinton Shattuck and Annie Elizabeth Caldwell, both of Amherst.

Total, 6.



## DEATHS.

Feb. 15, Hiram Granville Felton, 71 years, 11 days.

Mar. 5, Margaret R. Buckley, 40 years.

Mar. 10, George C. Sullivan, 7 months, 15 days.

Mar. 28, Lucretia A. Barnard Danforth, 88 years, 8 months,  
2 days.

Apr. 4, Lelia J. Small Dodge, 35 years, 6 months, 24 days.

Apr. 8, Granville S. Hill, 58 years, 9 months, 13 days.

July 9, Margaret Ann Morse, 25 years.

Aug. 3, Philenia Emerson David, 68 years, 9 months, 12 days.

Aug. 27, Anna Lynch, 82 years, 1 month, 27 days.

Sept. 23, Warren Rhoads, 77 years, 7 months, 6 days.

Sept. 28, Ede E. Phelps Hopkins, 72 years.

Nov. 15, Josiah Colburn, 66 years.

Nov. 17, Abigail R. Prince, 70 years, 8 months, 1 day.

Nov. 28, Benjamin Billings Whiting, 72 years, 1 month, 28  
days.

Total, 14.

The following persons, who died outside the limits of the town  
were buried here during the year.

Jan. 29, at Lowell, Mass., Ella A. Herrick, 33 years.

Mar. 19, at Boston, Mass., Newell Dean, 87 years.

Apr. 10, at Weare, Abigail Hollis, 76 years, 6 months.

June 19, at Merrimack, Hiram Mace.

July 24, at Mont Vernon, James Alexander, 83 years, 3 months.

Sept. 25, at Concord, Dr. William E. Rogers, 60 years.

Dec. 10, at Worcester, Mass., Elbridge McAlvin, 66 years.

Dec. 15, at Milford, Albert F. Boutell, 40 years, 8 months.

Total, 8.

A. A. ROTCH, Town Clerk.





